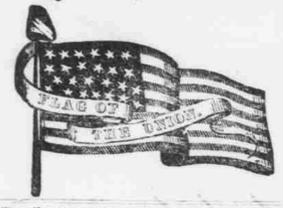


# Flag of the Union.



THE FEDERAL UNION. IT MUST BE PRESERVED. JACKSON.

No man can suffer too much, and no man can fall too soon, if he suffers, or if he falls, in defence of the Liberties and Constitution of his Country.

THOMAS PALMER, EDITOR.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 1853.

R. G. BANKTON, is the authorized Traveling Agent for the "Flag of the Union." He will, shortly, call on our subscribers for payment of dues.

J. P. CUSHMAN is a candidate for reelection to the station of Reporter to the High Court of Errors and Appeals.

ETHEL WELLS C. HARELL, is a candidate for Superintendent of the Penitentiary, at the ensuing session of the Legislature.

D. N. BARROWS, formerly Clerk of the State Penitentiary, is a candidate for that office at the ensuing session of the Legislature.

L. J. DOTY is a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Penitentiary, at the ensuing session of the Legislature.

T. H. LINSEY is a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Penitentiary, at the ensuing session of the Legislature.

I. S. HARRIS is a candidate for Secretary of the Senate at the ensuing session of the Legislature.

A CARD.—I take this method of tendering my grateful thanks for their untiring exertions to arrest the progress of the fire by which our dwelling was destroyed on Wednesday last. Through their efforts mainly it is to be attributed the preservation of a considerable portion of furniture and other valuables.

Friday, Dec. 30, 1853.

We are requested to announce that the Rev. T. J. Fisher, one of the most eminent pulpits of the Baptist Church, is expected to preach this evening in the Baptist Chapel of this city, at 7 o'clock. It is probable that Mr. F. will preach a series of sermons during his sojourn in town.

RELIGIOUS NOTICE.—The Rev. Dr. J. A. Chapman will preach in the Methodist Episcopal Church on next Sunday, the 1st day of January, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Dr. T. H. Capers will preach at night.

THE JACKSON BIBLE SOCIETY.—This society has now on hand a large assortment of Bibles and Testaments of various sizes, and at cost prices. Auxiliary Societies, Sabbath Schools, and Congregations can now be supplied by sending orders to Mr. Ellis or E. M. Avery, in this city.

We regret to record the death of Richard Cordell, an old and respected citizen, at his residence near Jackson. His funeral obsequies will take place to-day at 10 o'clock, at the residence of Oliver Barrett. Mr. Cordell was an exemplary member of the Baptist Church.

Dr. W. B. Dozier, recently of Paulding, has removed to this city to practice his profession. His card is inserted in this paper.

Dr. W. B. Dozier, for the last sixteen years a citizen of Jasper County, has permanently removed to the city of Jackson, with the intention of practicing his profession. The Doctor enjoyed a high professional reputation amongst us, and we doubt not his recognized skill and ability, matured by a long and varied experience, will be appreciated in our capital city.

SENATOR ELECT FROM YALLOUBUSHA.—The Memphis Eagle notices the arrival in that city of Col. Allen, the successful competitor of Rev. Wm. Minter for a seat in the Senate from the district composed of Yallobusha and Calhoun counties. Col. Allen, a Union democrat, beat his opponent, a veteran fire-eater, by a small majority in a district which claimed to be anti-Foot by 600 majority. His election, says the Eagle, under these circumstances, is a very high testimonial of the estimation in which he is held by his fellow-citizens of Yallobusha and Calhoun. The Colonel is the youngest senator elected in the State, a staunch friend of railroad improvements, and withal a whole-souled, energetic gentleman. We wish him all honor in his new career of political life, so auspiciously begun. He is young enough, and clever enough to reach much higher yet, should he so will it.

A fire occurred in the residence of Mr. Hall, near the Eagle Hotel, on the afternoon of Wednesday, which destroyed the house in a few minutes. The furniture was saved in a damaged condition. Mr. Hall owned the house, which he purchased recently. No insurance.

The weather has been cold and wet for the last ten days, which has very much retarded travel, in consequence of which, but few members of the legislature have as yet arrived in town.

An election will be held on Monday next for Mayor and Board of Aldermen of Jackson for the ensuing year. Richard Fletcher seems to be the only candidate for the office of Mayor. The board of Aldermen consists of six members. Messrs. Moore, Bilk, Moody, Dickson, Baley, and Hatcher, are spoken of as candidates. There are doubtless others, but we have not heard of them.

NEW BOOK ON BAPTISM.—Mr. Thos. Green has laid on our table a volume of some 360 pages, entitled "Baptism, with reference to its import, modes, history, proper use," by James L. Chapman, a member of the Memphis Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, south. Our engagements have been such as to preclude us from giving the work more than a cursory examination; but from the expressed views of those who have examined it thoroughly, we feel sure that it cannot fail to interest the general reader, and to meet the just expectation of the author's friends every where. There are a few copies of the book on sale at M. Gray's bookstore, and at Sizer's drug store. Price \$1.

THE SENATORSHIP.—Much uneasiness is being manifested by the Democratic press in relation to the election of United States Senators which is to take place during the session of the Legislature, to convene on Monday next. The *Vicksburg Sentinel*, in its ardent for Col. Davis, has departed from the usual manner of advocating the pretensions of its favorite, by addressing a series of articles to the Legislature, over the signature of D. Walker, in which the qualities of the various candidates for Senatorial honors are discussed. The *Sentinel* is the champion of Col. Davis, to the exclusion of Gov. Brown and all others. This preference has produced discontent in various quarters, particularly in the Great East, where Gov. Brown is in the ascendant; and the *Paulding Clarion* is justly indignant at the cavalier tone in which its favorite is referred to by the *Sentinel*. As the discussion progresses, the breach is becoming wider and wider, until finally we find that the *Sentinel* threatens to drop argument and resort to brick bats; and having, as it says, silently submitted to insult from Gov. Brown's friends, in the shape of anonymous letters, and being now disparaged personally by the *Clarion*, for the purpose of injuring the cause of Col. Davis, it carries the war into Africa, by showing that Gov. Brown is not the foremost man in all the world by a great deal, and that the idea of his having gained the victory is ridiculous. The *Sentinel* asserts that Gov. Brown came high running the party and its prospects in the opening of the canvass, in the general belief of his being engaged in bargain and intrigue to get McKee out of his way, and by not coming up boldly to the scratch instead of tagging after Foote at a respectable distance,—having "feared not to approach too near his heels," for fear, as may be inferred, that he would be kicked over; and asserts that he was of no service to the party, and that the leaders had to work for a month or more to prevent his course from being the cause of its overthrow.

The *Clarion* is of opinion that Gov. Brown is "the choice of the Democracy of Mississippi for the office of Senator in Congress, and for the sufficient reason that he is the only Democratic candidate in the field." To this the *Sentinel* demurs; and after expressing wonder at the "respectable nonsense" of its antagonist, in making the assertion, declares that there were at least ten Richmonds in the field, besides "about forty sherpas."

It is quite likely that the Legislature will select a Senate without the intervention or dictation of the *Sentinel* or *Clarion*. The North has an idea that the office of right belongs to that section, and will doubtless bring all her force to bear to accomplish her wishes. She feels that she is not represented in the Senate in the person of Hon. Stephen Adams, who is a Union man, and was elected by a Union Legislature, consequently, he does not represent the Democracy of Mississippi. He was elected to the aid of Whig Union votes, which Col. Davis could not, according to his friends, consent to receive. Neither could Gov. Brown; for when he was "tagging after Foote," his labors were chiefly directed to the advancement of Southern Right Democracy, and by that branch of the party, alone, can he desire elevation.

Let the Union men in the Legislature keep cool and steady, and we shall "see sight."

The editor of the *Washington Sentinel*, Beverly Tucker, has been elected printer to the United States Senate, over Gen. Armstrong of the Union. This act of contumacy on the part of a majority of the Senate has aroused the ire of the organ. It is an indication that there is a serious split in the democratic ranks, growing out of the treacherous policy of the administration in the political affairs of New York. No less than nine democratic Senators voted for Tucker, among whom are Mason and Hunter of Virginia, Bright of Indiana, Broadhead of Pennsylvania, and Weller of California. All these are strong men and shrewd politicians, who doubtless foreseeing that the administration cannot sustain itself before the country, are looking out for a new organization with which they can cooperate as national men.

CALIFORNIA.—The news by the steamer King Law, at New York from Aspinwall, is interesting, particularly that which relates to the descent on Senora in lower California by Capt. Walker and his band, under the patriotic impulse of delivering that people from the tyranny of Mexico. The Captain has seized the Governor and it is said formed an independent republic without let or hindrance. It is said that the Mexican Minister at Washington will demand the prompt punishment of the men who have been engaged in this filibustering movement.

Whether the administration will recognize the right of Mexico to stop the progress of liberalism on the Pacific remains to be seen, especially since it is understood that that country is about, if it has not already, retrograded into a monarchy.

The festivities usually observed by our fellow-citizens at Christmas were somewhat marred by an unfortunate occurrence at Spangler's office-house, on Monday evening. It appears that a party was rolling Ten-pins in the Alley attached to the establishment, when an altercation arose between Mr. Frank Ewing and Mr. George Knight, both residents of this place. The result was that Mr. Knight wounded Mr. Ewing in the right arm and elbow with a gun loaded with buck-shot. It was found necessary, next morning to amputate the arm near the shoulder, which operation was dexterously performed by Dr. Smart, assisted by other physicians. Mr. Ewing lies in a precarious situation, and his recovery is doubtful. Mr. Knight has entered into bonds for his appearance to answer to the charge of shooting.

Hon. Stephen Adams, United States Senator from this State, introduced a bill on the 12th inst. for donations of public lands in Mississippi and Louisiana to aid in the construction of railroads in these States, which was unanimously agreed to, and referred to the committee on public lands.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—On Friday last the rope on the Pennsylvania Portage railroad broke whilst the freight cars were going up the plane. They ran back with fearful violence against a passenger train at the foot of the plane, breaking in the process, and instantly killing a boy who was on one of them. Several other passengers were injured, and but very seriously.

devotion of an Emilius would be almost desolation of desolation. I think, therefore, that the *Clarion* is right in its course, in its support, if they desire to preserve even the semblance of influence in the political world, to surrender this question forever as a distinctive issue. Nor is anything to be gained by contenting even for the theory, when the practical point of this extensive legislation, and the total annihilation in times of high party excitement, like those through which we have passed, are sure to record on the taunting party at the ballot box. A people, conscious of their restless impatience, and fortified by the eloquent eloquence of the great orator, will not be lulled or ridiculed into a contrary course. It is but blundering to hurl sarcasms at those who are firmly embarked in a crusade against the collection of a debt which has been annually increasing, at the rate of a quarter of a million, (and even upwards) for the past five years. Disinherited with all commercial enterprise, having no interest in public credit, and intent mainly on accumulation through individual exertion, the masses of the voters of this State are indifferent to the appeal of "drown-out" candidates, who have no other chance of ever retrieving either is based on a tax of half a century's duration. If the principle of repudiation could not be beaten down and crushed in the chrysalis state, it is useless to attempt its destruction now when it has become a full-blown monster, and is supported by the greatest and the best, and after it has enrolled as champions the most renowned statesmen and patriots within the borders of Mississippi. A sensitive illustration of this may be found in the case of the late Senator, who was a leading candidate in the last canvass were defeated on suspicion, simply because most of them had been original bond-payers; and I must frankly say that I regard it as a most unfortunate move for the bondholders, (but still more unfortunate for the State) to have instructed their lawyers to bring suit on the bonds at the time they did. It was a keen and powerful weapon thrown unwarily into the hands of the party which opposed Gov. Foote, and which, if not properly used, would have been a plausible pretext for introducing this insidious issue at a time when they were, in my opinion, on the point of another most signal and general overthrow. For myself, though ardently desiring to see the judgment of our own fearless and magnanimous judiciary responded to by the people, and compelled to see to it that the Union Bank Bonds as an element of discussion in a political canvass, I am too much devoted to other and equally important principles to stake them all in a desperate contest, for those unscrupulous speculators who have the State for money. We have made sacrifices for them such as never men made before, or are likely to make again. The old Whig party, gloriously triumphant in 1849, were ground to atoms and totally annihilated in 1851 beneath the blistering fire of the *Clarion*. The Whig party, so overwhelmingly victorious in 1851, so justly confident up to a late period of the last canvass, has been buried amidst the quicksands of this Senonian bog. Men and principles have been hurled into an unrequited ocean. Conservatism has been completely established, and repudiation will yet come off conqueror from every battle field where its banner can be raised and unfurled. If its ascendancy be reckoned a moral blight, the blame can never be laid on the shoulders of the State, but on the shoulders of the bondholders and for their credit and character of the State. In submitting quietly and cheerfully to the sovereign power of the State, no one can charge on us the violation of any moral or political obligation. Whatever our private opinions may be, we should not struggle desperately and uselessly against repeated decisions of the people, calmly and deliberately rendered. In fine, by throwing off this dead weight, as should have been done, we would enable our party to whose sacred principles we would not wish to see in equal contest with its opponents on a fair field. When the planting interests of our State shall have been diversified with those of other interests consequent on the introduction of manufacturing and other industries, and the hills and vales of our rich State shall be dotted with signs of industrial energy in the useful arts, and when adventurous and wide-spread commercial enterprise shall have taken the place of the stagnant and unproductive of cotton culture; more than all, when increased and increasing resources and prospective thrift shall have conquered the indolence of our people, and learned them the value of public credit, then, but not till then, may the *Clarion* be allowed to work its way to the top with the dawn of hope, and their longings hearts gladdened with the chances of payment and satisfaction. 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